

**Amendments to the Abstract:**

At page 22, under the heading "ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE", please replace the original Abstract with the following amended Abstract, showing all changes relative to the original version, wherein strikethrough indicates a deletion and underlining indicates an addition.

A shutter assembly includes a boss (30) ~~for use in a shutter having blades, the boss including having~~ an axial pin about which the boss is adapted to rotate, a complementary surface adapted to engage a translating member such as a toothed rack, a bearing surface adapted to rest in or on a support in the shutter assembly and at least one protrusion for connecting the boss to a shutter blade-engaging means (48). ~~A shutter assembly and blade configuration are also disclosed.~~